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**FEBRUARY MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, 12th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Lecture Hall of the California Development Board, Ferry Building.

Mr. Joseph Dixon, of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, will deliver an illustrated lecture on the "Nesting of the Bohemian Waxwing," which no member can afford to miss.

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**FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP** will be taken to Golden Gate Park on Sunday, February 15, 1920. Meet at 43d Avenue and Fulton Street entrance at 9:30 a. m. Take McAllister car No. 5, "Beach" sign. Bring lunch.

The usual course will be followed, bringing the party at 3:00 p. m. to the California Academy of Sciences, where Prof. C. A. Kofoed, of the Department of Zoology, University of California, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Ocean Meadows, or The Microscopic Life of the Open Sea."

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:** The third annual meeting was held on January 8th, in the Ferry Building, with President Lastreto in the chair and seventeen members and several guests present. After the presentation of annual reports, the lecture of the evening was delivered by Mr. J. S. Hunter, of the executive staff of the California Fish and Game Commission, Honorary Member of the Association.

The "Equity of the Game Laws" was explained in detail, with many citations in support thereof, and the lecturer's familiarity with the subject enabled him to furnish a comprehensive survey from the standpoint of game conservation.

Following the lecture, the annual election resulted in the selection of officers and directors for 1920 as follows:

President.....	F. W. D'Evelyn
First Vice-President .....	G. T. Marsh
Second Vice-President.....	R. B. Watt
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. C. R. Smith
Corresponding Secretary.....	C. B. Lastreto
Treasurer .....	A. S. Kibbe
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Director .....	C. R. Smith
Director .....	Miss S. E. King

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1919

If the late war affected various lines of public endeavor in different ways, intensifying the activities of some and retarding the progress of others, it appears likewise true, from explanations offered on many quarters, that post-war reaction and attending social and economic changes have caused a general slackening of strenuous efforts in spheres of interest not directly related to work of reconstruction and development of industrial and commercial expansion. In some ways the work and the growth of our organization have been similarly unfavorably affected. Matters of im-

portant and pressing nature have distracted the interest in our work, even as it had similarly suffered in the preceding disturbances. We regret to have to note as one of the consequences a lack of growth in our membership. But now that we are, let us hope, settling down to a new normal though changed basis, we should count upon a new impetus both in accession of members and in our work and activities. To both can every member give his or her quota, even by contributing to either; for a larger roster will add weight and encouragement to the active workers, and greater accomplishments will give the Association larger publicity and attract to our membership many that would like to belong to an organization of worthy accomplishments.

But we have not otherwise been stagnant. Our meetings have been uninterrupted and at all of them interesting and timely lectures were read. Our monthly field trips have also been regular, well attended and profitable. Then we have two accomplishments of which we may boast: the establishment of our own periodical publication, *The Gull*, and the real beginning of our junior work.

*The Gull* has been, and will continue to be, issued monthly. Thankful acknowledgment is due to the contributors of papers and notes of personal observations, and in this connection it may be pointed out that our *Bulletin*—may it some day deserve the title of *Magazine*—will have more individuality, greater interest and more value to us if our own members will fill its pages with their own records, discussions, and other contributions.

In the department of juvenile work may be recorded several lectures given at meetings of Boy Scouts and especially the organization of Junior Audubon Clubs under the able leadership and management of our Superintendent, Mr. H. E. Hansen, who will give you the report of his department and make appropriate suggestions for the future.

A promising start has been made toward desirable control of the cat evil, and special mention is due to Mr. A. S. Kibbe for his work in compiling guiding information in a thorough and able manner and for outlining practical plans for early action. It is gratifying that the valuable co-operation of the Cooper Ornithological Club has been secured in the work, and we hope that the near future will see the first accomplishment of the desired object.

We also hope to announce soon the success of our efforts in inducing all the oil companies to cease the pollution of the ocean waters that has been destructive to bird—and other—life, and here credit must be given to the valuable co-operation of the Cooper Ornithological Club, whose committeeman, Dr. B. W. Everman, has also brought to bear the supporting weight of the California Academy of Sciences.

War conditions and regulations rendered impracticable, for a while, the continuation of researches through the Light-house Bureau in bird migration off our coast and the occasional destruction of birds in foggy weather during migration periods. This is a very interesting field of study with a possibility of important results and we should plan to secure the erection at certain places of the resting perches that have proven so effectual where installed. I recommend immediate action to include the coming spring migration season for resuming our former plans of investigation through the friendly assistance of the light-house service in this district under Capt. W. H. Rhodes.

Through the active and wisely directed influence of Dr. D'Evelyn we have at last secured a favorable area for experimentation in attracting birds and their nesting in man-made homes. Not enough interest has been awakened in this fascinating sport that is worth while popularizing. I hope that some of our members will take this up as a profitable amusement, and success can be promised as, in our first trial, all the nesting boxes were occupied except those for flickers—which must have been for a reason worth ascertaining and overcoming.

There has not come during the last year any call for influencing legislation affecting bird protection but we have recently personally observed flagrant and easily preventable violations of our laws and ordinances and

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it is one of our first duties to take early and active steps for their suppression. I refer you to the last January issue of *The Gull* for accounts of such occurrences within our own city. Audubon Societies in Oregon are exercised over the threat to destroy the Lake Malheur reservation as a bird preserve, and as part of it lies within our own State, we might well afford them our support. I also recommend consideration of the rulings permitting rice farmers to kill ducks on their fields when it has been shown that there are other remedies available than the avoidable slaying of ducks; and even otherwise, as the Pintail is the only alleged culprit, such permission should not be extensible to the other non-offending species.

Considering the importance and value of the purposes of our Association, the interesting—nay, fascinating—and profitable character of its work as a pastime, we should purpose to enliven our interest in and devotion to our organization and its activities and thereby add to the value of our membership in the Audubon Association of the Pacific, and I close my term as its President in thanking you for your past support and bespeaking for the incoming administration your earnest and loyal co-operation.

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C. B. LASTRETO.

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

CASH ON HAND, January 7, 1919.....	\$ 29.02	
RECEIPTS:		
Annual dues for 1918.....	\$ 3.00	
Annual dues for 1919.....	173.00	
Annual dues for 1920.....	9.50	
Junior Audubon dues.....	9.50	
Subscription to Gull, 1919.....	.35	
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	195.70	\$224.72
EXPENDITURES:		
Hall and services .....	\$ 11.25	
Postage .....	12.42	
Stationery .....	1.64	
Publishing Gull .....	141.50	
National Association dues.....	5.00	
Copy of ordinance.....	.53	
	\$172.34	
CASH ON HAND, January 3, 1920—.....	52.38	\$224.72
Accounts audited for 1919, but not paid.....		\$ 18.98
Membership cards issued to date:		
For 1917.....60	For 1918.....67	For 1919.....64
		For 1920.....3

Correct:

A. S. KIBBE, *Treasurer*.

Checked and approved:

C. R. SMITH, *Chairman, Finance Committee*.

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### REPORT OF OUTING COMMITTEE FOR 1919

Your Committee has been much gratified to note the support given by the membership during the past year to the monthly field trips and is pleased to report a material growth of interest as evidenced by the increasing number of guests who have accompanied us.

Golden Gate Park was visited twice during the year and other localities once, each, in the order named: Lake Merritt, Boot Jack, Lake Lagunitas, Lafayette, Tennessee Cove, Wild Cat Canyon, Muir Woods and Big Lagoon.

Every phase of our outdoor activities evinced a healthy growth. Thirty-one different members participated during the year, with a total attendance for the twelve trips of one hundred and thirty, making an average of nearly eleven members per trip. The guests in attendance numbered sixty-five



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for the year or an average of over five guests per trip. The total attendance per trip averaged over sixteen.

An average of thirty-six different species was observed, fifty-three being the largest number for any one trip, and the total number of different species identified during the year was one hundred and thirty-seven.

MRS. A. S. KIBBE, *Chairman*.



**THE JANUARY FIELD TRIP** was taken on Sunday, January 11th, to Lake Merritt and Trestle Glen, Oakland. The party formed near the boat house on Adams Point at 10 a. m., to watch the feeding of the pintails, shovellers, baldpates, coots and gulls on the spacious lawns of the park. The day was fine and the attendance quite the largest of any trip to this spot. Of our members, there were present: Misses Ames, Ayer, Cassidy, Flynn, Griffin, King and Wilson; Mesdames Kelly and Kibbe; Messrs. Bell, Kibbe, Michael and Thomas. As guests we had the pleasure of entertaining the Misses Applegarth, Henrietta and Olive Burroughs, Burton, Rosenberg, Rothstein, Valencia and Weinshenk, and Mrs. Michael. Thirteen members and nine guests.

After spending nearly three hours in studying the water fowl in and around the lake, the party went to Trestle Glen for lunch and to observe the land birds. The following list will attest the success which crowned the occasion:

Fared and pied-bill grebes; glaucous-winged and California gulls; cormorant, bald-pates, green-winged teal, shovellers, pintails and canvasbacks galore; greater and lesser scaup, American goldeneyes, buffle heads, ruddy ducks and coots; spotted sandpiper, kildeer and California quail; red-tail and sparrow hawks; willow woodpecker, red-breasted sapsucker, California woodpecker and flicker; Anna hummer, coast and California jays; meadow lark, Brewer blackbirds, linnets and green-backed goldfinches; pine siskins, Nuttall and golden-crowned sparrows; juncoes, song sparrows and fox sparrows; San Francisco and California towhees, shrike, Audubon and Townsend warblers; pipits, Vigors and winter wrens; red-breasted nuthatch, titmouse, bush- and wren-tits; ruby-crowned kinglets, hermit thrushes, robins and varied thrushes. On the bay, Western grebe and Western sandpipers. Fifty-six species in all.

An effort to estimate the numbers of birds on the lake resulted in the following figures as minima and maxima:

Fared grebes .....	15— 20	Pintails .....	1000—1500
Pied-bill grebes .....	5— 10	Canvasbacks .....	2000—2500
Glaueous-winged gulls .....	30— 40	Greater Scaup .....	100— 150
California gulls .....	100—150	Lesser scaup .....	200— 250
Cormorant .....	1— 1	American goldeneyes .....	15— 20
Baldpates .....	300—400	Buffle heads .....	20— 25
Green-winged teal .....	20— 25	Ruddy ducks .....	75— 100
Shovellers .....	300—400	Coots .....	200— 300

Total numbers, between 4,381 and 5,891.

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